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## **Two proposals compete for MRI scanner in Wilkes**

RALEIGH – Two competing applications have been filed with the Certificate of Need Section of the N.C. Division of Health Service Regulation to acquire a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner in Wilkes County. A public hearing for these projects will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, at the Wilkes County Library, 215 Tenth St., North Wilkesboro.

The 2008 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP) has identified a need for one additional MRI scanner in Wilkes County. A summary of the proposals follows:

- Mecklenburg Diagnostic Imaging, a subsidiary of Novant Health, is proposing to acquire a \$2.4 million MRI scanner to be located in a medical office building in Wilkesboro.
- Wilkes Regional Medical Center proposes to acquire a \$2.4 million MRI scanner in its ambulatory care center at West Park in North Wilkesboro.

Anyone may file written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be received by the Certificate of Need Section no later than Sept. 2 at the following address:

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